



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**



WHAT IS THE WET? - Workforce Education and Training (WET) is a component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) that is intended to provide funding to remedy the shortage of qualified individuals who provide mental health services by developing and maintaining a culturally competent workforce that include current and future public mental health staff, consumers, family members, and parent partners/parent advocates capable of providing services that promote wellness, recovery and resilience. The following programs are funded by MHSA WET.

COLLEGE FACULTY IMMERSION TRAINING PROGRAM – This program updates college and graduate school faculty on the best practices and expectation for the mental health services workforce in the public mental health system. In addition to consulting with faculty on curriculum integration of mental health, this program delivers classroom presentations and ½ day immersion opportunities focused on recovery-oriented and evidence-based practices for hope, wellness and recovery.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERING PROJECT - A series of mental health symposiums held at local community colleges within the County of Los Angeles to provide learning and networking opportunities and increase awareness of mental health related issues such as stigma, discrimination, employment, education, services and resources within the respective communities. Two symposiums were implemented for Fiscal Year 2013-2014: 1) West Los Angeles College and 2) Los Angeles Mission College.

INTERFAITH-BASED CLERGY ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM – This project builds a relationship of trust and understanding between the public mental health system and the faith-based community. The primary goal is to increase the knowledge of public mental health staff on spiritual resources in counseling, and strengthen the faith-based/mental health services received by individuals and families. Presently, Service Areas 2, 4, 6 and 7 are participating in this program. *The program is being expanded to the remaining service areas. A solicitation was released on September 5, 2013 with Jewish Family Services being identified to continue the implementation. Board Letter review is pending.*

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HEALTH NAVIGATORS TRAINING PROGRAM – This certificated program trains individuals interested in learning and assisting mental health consumers navigate and receive services from the public mental health and physical health care system. This program is offered once a year. *For FY 13-14, program implementation began December 3, 2013 in collaboration with Pacific Clinics, and John Brekke, Ph.D., University of Southern California.*

PEER ADVOCATE TRAINING PROGRAM – This certificated training targets consumers interested in working as peer specialist or enhancing peer specialist skills in the public mental health system. This program consists of the following three components:

- **Introduction to Peer Support**– This training provides an introductory course on peer specialist work.
- **Advanced Peer Support** – This advanced training focuses on selective peer specialist topics and issues. This course is offered to interested individuals who have completed the Introduction to Peer Support coursework.
- **Peer Support Train-The-Trainer** – This program prepares interested peer specialists to train other individuals in the Introduction and Advanced Peer Support Trainings.

***The Peer Institute Program will assume the continued Peer Advocate/Peer Specialist Training. The Request for Service (RFS) solicitation for this program was completed and Mental Health America Los Angeles (MHALA) was identified as the Project Manager/Contractor. County Counsel review is pending. For additional information, please contact Angelica Fuentes at (213) 251-6725 or afuentes@dmh.lacounty.gov.



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RECOVERY ORIENTED PRACTICES TRAINING PROGRAM (FORMERLY PUBLIC IMMERSION TRAINING)

- This 3-day training enhances the recovery knowledge and skills of public mental health workforce clinical staff, supervisors and administrators who are engaged in system transformation that focuses on a recovery-oriented system approach and implementation of the Community Support Services (CSS) Plan. It is free to public mental health staff from DMH directly operated and contracted agencies. Interested individuals can register at: <http://buildyourownbox.squarespace.com/immersion/>.

RECOVERY ORIENTED SUPERVISION TRAINING PROGRAM - This program is designed to develop skill sets of clinical supervisors and managers in the public mental health system whereby promoting the integration of the philosophy, principles and practices of MHSA throughout the system. For dates and locations, please visit: <http://buildyourownbox.squarespace.com/ros/>.

REHABILITATION SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAM – This training program prepares individuals with a bachelor's degree, advanced degree, equivalent certificated program, or lived experience (includes consumers and family members) to work in the field of public mental health as psycho-social rehabilitation specialists.

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INTERPRETERS TRAINING PROGRAM – This program is designed to enhance the interpretation skills and cultural responsiveness of interpreters and monolingual clinicians who are working with monolingual consumers. This training consists of the following three components:

- **Introduction to Interpreting in a Mental Health Setting** – This 3 day training is designed for bilingual staff that who are proficient in English and a second language. The training outlines the necessary skills for staff to understand the complex role of mental health interpreters and maintain a level of professionalism and cultural awareness.
- **Advanced Interpreter Training** – This one day training is targeted to interpreters who have completed the introductory training. This advanced training enhances the skills of the interpreter and addresses any additional issues that may arise upon completing the introductory course.
- **Use of Interpreter Services** – This training provides monolingual clinicians with the necessary skills to work effectively with interpreters and ensure equality of access and service delivery.

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LICENSURE PREPARATION PROGRAM – This is a low-cost study assistance program that prepares unlicensed staff for their respective State Board clinical licenses. With additional licensed clinical staff, the public mental health system will increase its capacity for clinicians to work independently as well as provide clinical supervision. This program is targeted to MSWs, MFTs, and psychologists of the public mental health system.

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2ND YEAR STIPEND PROGRAM – Provides select 2nd year MSW, MFT, and Nurse Practitioner students with an \$18,500 stipend in exchange for a one year commitment to work (post-graduation) in a hard-to-fill/retain designated area within the County of Los Angeles. In order to address cultural needs, priority is given to individuals that speak one of the threshold languages or represent an un-served, and underserved ethnic community.

POST DOCTORATE PROGRAM – This program funds six post doctorate fellows at Harbor UCLA Medical Center.

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